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## MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL PRINCIPALS

FROM: Mark J. Sullivan, Jr.  
Executive Secretary, NFIB

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 33rd NFIC Meeting on 10 November 1988  
at 1500 Hours

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Summary of Decisions

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The Vice Chairman, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Gates, with the concurrence of the principals, decided that Council members will in their dealings with the new administration's transition teams coordinate on matters of national intelligence substance with the Chairman of the National Intelligence Council and on other national intelligence matters with the Director of the Intelligence Community Staff.

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The Chairman, Director of Central Intelligence Webster, with the concurrence of the NFIC principals, decided to proceed with the FY 1990-91 National Foreign Intelligence Program as currently constructed, but noted that the decisions reflected in it are not yet final.

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Minutes of the Meeting

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1. Intelligence Community Transition Activities

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The Vice Chairman, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Gates, convened the meeting, explaining that the Chairman, Director of Central Intelligence Webster, is at the White House briefing the President and will not be able to join the Council until around 1530.

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The Vice Chairman stated that he would like first to address the matter of the transition to the new administration, which he judged will be simpler than it might have been. The principals will, of course, be asked to support their own departments during the process. But, when matters of national intelligence come up, the DCI wishes them to coordinate with his Intelligence Community organizations. If the matters are substantive, they should coordinate with Mr. Ermarth, Chairman of the National Intelligence Council. If the matters concern, inter alia, budgets or collection, they should coordinate with Lieutenant General Heinz, USAF, Director of the Intelligence Community Staff. [REDACTED]

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Some persons new to Intelligence, the Vice Chairman continued, will likely be members of the transition teams, and they may not have a clear understanding of the requirements for handling classified information. It is a good idea to educate them to these requirements from the beginning to avoid leaks. The principals should make sure that these people have the proper clearances for the materials to which they are introduced and that they gain a proper understanding of how fragile many of our sources are. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Hawkins, representing the Department of Defense, suggested that it would be helpful if the DCI made available to the Community the materials he has assembled for the transition. The Vice Chairman responded that he has not yet reviewed that material, but his instinct is certainly to share it. General Heinz reported that the material is ready for the DCI's and DDCI's review. It consists of two books. The first is on the ICS and what it does. The second is on the Community and contains the authorities that govern it; sections contributed by the Community's various parts on how they are organized and what they do; and a section on key issues currently facing the Community. Once the DCI has approved the documents, he will send a letter to the Community's leaders detailing to whom the transition-team members should go for what. [REDACTED]

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